

**ARKANSAS PROFESSIONAL BAIL BOND COMPANY AND PROFESSIONAL  
BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD  
March 10, 2006**

Chairman Don Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll call was taken. The following members were present: Don Smith, Frank Sturgeon, Marc Oudin, Eugene Reynolds, and Lynn Williams. Phyllis Carruth and Rex Morris were absent. Also present were Assistant Attorney General Amy Ford; Executive Director, Tommy Reed; Board staff and members of the audience.

Following a review of the Board Minutes for February 10, 2006 Mr. Oudin moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Sturgeon seconded. The motion carried on unanimous voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Transfers/Suspensions/Reinstatements:**

A report was provided for information purposes: One transfer request was submitted and approved during the month. There were seven (7) agent terminations by the notice from the bond company. Mr. Reed noted Calvin Jones' termination and that Mr. Jones had recently been charged with possession of a controlled substance. He further noted that Mr. Jones was currently subject to disciplinary sanctions related to drug use and that Board counsel, Chilesa Ready, had advised a new complaint would be required rather than re-opening the prior matter. He requested the Board's direction concerning whether to proceed with a disciplinary hearing prior to resolution of the most recent criminal charges. After discussion, the Board directed that the matter should proceed prior to resolution of the criminal charges.

**Forfeitures - Open:**

The Open Forfeiture Report was presented. The Chair invited comment or discussion. Mr. Reed noted the judgments against Bill's Bail Bonds and his understanding that Bill's was negotiating agreements with the courts and prosecutors. After discussion of the situation, the Chair opened the floor for motions. Mr. Oudin moved to suspend those licensees whose forfeitures were not timely paid between March 10, 2006 and the April 14, 2006 regular board meeting. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion carried on unanimous voice vote.

**Past Due Forfeitures:**

The Past Due Forfeiture Report was presented for review. The Chair invited comment or discussion. Mr. Reed noted that, due to changes in accounting procedures required by DFA, he had been unable to disburse funds in payment of Liz and Stan's Bail Bonds judgments but that he anticipated he could begin payment soon. After discussion of the matter, the Board proceeded.

**Ark. County & Circuit Clerk's Conference**

Mr. Reed related he was well received and felt the meeting had been beneficial. He noted specific concerns expressed by the clerks. Mr. Williams and Mr. Smith each noted favorable comments from the circuit clerks in their jurisdictions regarding the presentation.

1 **NEW BUSINESS**

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3 **February Vouchers Paid**

4 A report of payments made in February was provided for information purposes. Chairman Smith  
5 invited questions and/or discussion regarding the vouchers paid.. There were no questions or  
6 comments and the Board proceeded.  
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8 **License Approvals:**

9 Four (4) bondsman license applications and three (3) tentative bondsman applications were  
10 submitted for Board approval. Mr. Oudin moved to approve those applications as presented,  
11 pending receipt and approval of necessary documentation. Mr. Sturgeon seconded. The Chair  
12 called for discussion or comments; hearing none, the matter was put to a vote. The motion carried  
13 with none opposed.  
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15 **Bondsman Application of Larry Dawson – T-Gard Bail Bonds**

16 The bondsman application of Larry Dawson was presented for Board consideration based on the  
17 results of the criminal background check. Mr. Dawson was present and addressed questions by  
18 the Board. Mr. Dawson submitted a letter from the Woodruff County Circuit Clerk stating the  
19 records of his felony conviction were sealed. Mr. Dawson discussed the circumstances of the  
20 arrest and disposition of the charges. Mr. Sturgeon moved to deny the application. Mr. Williams  
21 seconded. The Chair called for discussion or comments; hearing none, the matter was put to a  
22 voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.  
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24 **Notice of Assignment of Counsel**

25 Mr. Reed introduced Ms. Amy Ford and noted communication from Thomas Gay, Senior  
26 Assistant Attorney General advising of Chilesa Ready's departure as counsel and the temporary  
27 assignment of Ms. Ford as counsel for the Board. After an exchange of greetings, Ms. Ford noted  
28 she looked forward to working with the Board until appointment of counsel. The Board then  
29 proceeded.  
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31 **Hearings**

32 Chairman Smith turned the meeting over to Judge Williams as hearing officer for the purpose of  
33 conducting the hearing.  
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35 **In the Matter of: Appeal of the decision of the Executive Director's determination of the**  
36 **2006 Unsecured Liability Limit for Big Daddy Bail Bonding, Inc.**  
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38 Following the conclusion of the hearing, the meeting was turned over to Chairman Smith and the  
39 Board resumed its business.  
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41 **Public Comments:**

42 Chairman Smith opened the floor for public comments. Donna Smith noted that when Debbie and  
43 Jim Moyer applied for a company license the Board required that they separate the bail bond  
44 company from their other business holdings. Tom Nickolich recalled the Board's position as  
45 being that a bail bond company could not be owned by a holding company but a bond company  
46 could own other business interests. There were no further comments or discussion and the  
47 meeting was adjourned.  
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49 Submitted for approval: This 14th day of April 2006, \_\_\_\_\_

Don Smith, Chairman